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FOR: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF THREE-
DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS LAYER-BY-LAYER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated November 21, 2005, claims 1-11 are pending.
Restriction is required to one of the following inventions:

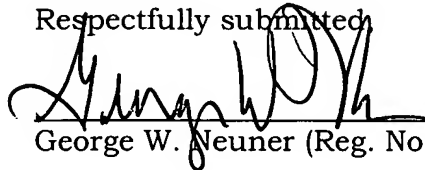
- I Claims 12-15, drawn to an apparatus for making a three-dimensional object;
- II Claims 16-24, drawn to a process of making a three-dimensional object.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 12-15, with traverse, for further examination in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that it is not an undue burden to examine both apparatus and process claims because the structural elements and steps correspond. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the invention of Group II in a divisional application.

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An early examination and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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